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PLAN TO REMOVE REPORTING RESTRICTIONS
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE A MOTION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON REPORTING OF PUBLIC SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S SELECT COMMITTEES. THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

UNDER STANDING ORDER 63 OF THE COUNCIL, EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE A SELECT COMMITTEE AND DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED BY ANY PERSON OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE IT HAS REPORTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.

THIS WAS INTENDED TO AVOID ANY PREMATURE PUBLICATION OF EVIDENCE WHICH MIGHT UNDULY INTERFERE WITH THE WORK OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE BEFORE IT HAS CONCLUDED ITS DELIBERATIONS.

HOWEVER, AS THERE IS PROVISION UNDER ANOTHER STANDING ORDER (62) FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO MEET IN PUBLIC IF IT WANTS TO DO SO, AN ANOMALOUS SITUATION MAY ARISE IN WHICH EVIDENCE GIVEN IN PUBLIC MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

TO AVOID SUCH A SITUATION, A PROPOSAL WILL BE MOVED TOMORROW TO AMEND STANDING ORDER 63, WHICH WILL THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

+THE EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE A SELECT COMMITTEE AND DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF SITTINGS OF THE COMMITTEE HELD IN PUBLIC, BE PUBLISHED BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR BY ANY OTHER PERSON BEFORE THE COMMITTEE HAVE PRESENTED THEIR REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.+

IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE OCCASIONS WHEN THERE IS GENUINE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY TO BE KEPT ABOUT MATTERS COMING BEFORE A SELECT COMMITTEE. AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE WHERE THE REPUTATION OF INDIVIDUALS COULD BE JEOPARDISED. ANOTHER EXAMPLE WOULD BE ON MATTERS RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMATION OR THE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL OR COMMERCIAL INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT UNDULY AFFECT THE STOCK MARKET, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT STANDING ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS TO THEM WERE MADE BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND WERE DESIGNED TO REGULATE THE COUNCIL'S OWN PROCEEDINGS. +THEY HAVE EVOLVED AS A RESULT OF LONG EXPERIENCE BOTH IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE AND HAVE WORKED WELL IN PRACTICE,+ HE SAID.

AT THE SAME MEETING, CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE STANDING ORDERS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE OATHS AND DECLARATIONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS NOW HAVE THE CHOICE OF AN ALTERNATIVE OATH WHICH THEY MIGHT PREFER WHEN THEY TAKE UP THEIR SEATS.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT OTHER THAN THESE TWO CHANGES, IT IS NOT THE INTENTION TO PROPOSE FURTHER CHANGES TO STANDING ORDERS IN THE PRESENT SESSION.

HOWEVER IT IS RECOGNISED THAT FURTHER CHANGES WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ADAPT THE PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL TO THOSE REQUIRED BY THE ENLARGED AND PARTIALLY ELECTED COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE FORMED IN OCTOBER. SOME THOUGHT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO THESE CHANGES BUT INSUFFICIENT TIME REMAINS IN THE CURRENT SESSION TO COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS. IN ANY EVENT IT IS FOR THE NEW COUNCIL TO DECIDE HOW ITS PROCEEDINGS SHOULD BE REGULATED.

IT WAS THEREFORE THE PRESIDENT'S INTENTION TO CONSULT MEMBERS OF THE NEW COUNCIL ON THE PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND THE PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS.

+IN THE MEANTIME, IF ANY ORGANISATION WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE EXISTING STANDING ORDERS, THEY ARE FREE TO SEND THEIR VIEWS TO THE CLERK OF COUNCILS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE CONTAINED IN THE LAWS OF HONG KONG. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR STUDY IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES LIBRARY OR THEY MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE FOR \$55, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS.

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JENKINS BILL SAID TO BE BAD ALL ROUND
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THE PROTECTIONIST JENKINS BILL IS FUNDAMENTALLY BAD -- BAD FOR THE UNITED STATES, BAD FOR MANY FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND BAD FOR WORLD TRADE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, TOLD VISITING AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN LAST NIGHT.

MR HO WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE PARTY, LED BY CONGRESSMAN DON BONKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND TRADE.

MR HO OUTLINED THE EXTENT OF AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AND THE TERRITORY'S COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE. THE JENKINS BILL, HE SAID, +WOULD HIT HONG KONG WHICH IS UNJUST AND UNJUSTIFIED. BUT STEPPING FOR A MOMENT OUTSIDE OUR PAROCHIAL INTERESTS, I BELIEVE THE BILL IS FUNDAMENTALLY BAD, BAD FOR THE UNITED STATES, BAD FOR MANY FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND BAD FOR WORLD TRADE. I WOULD URGE YOU ALL TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO OPPOSE IT.+

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS +NOT A LITTLE BEWILDERED BECAUSE WE ARE A COMPLETELY OPEN ECONOMY - DOING WHAT SUCCESSIVE U.S. ADMINISTRATIONS PREACH - AND YET YOUR ACTIONS SEEM TARGETTED AT US. THESE SHOCKS NOTWITHSTANDING, I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY REAFFIRMING OUR TRUST IN FAIR PLAY AND OUR COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING OUR OPEN MARKET POLICIES AND OUR EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.+

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. HAVE GROWN AT AN AVERAGE OF 13 PER CENT PER ANNUM BETWEEN 1974 AND 1984. IN PER CAPITA TERMS U.S. IMPORTS INTO THE TERRITORY IN 1984 REPRESENTED ABOUT U.S.\$570 PER HEAD, SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN THE EEC AT \$170, JAPAN AT \$200, KOREA AT \$150, TAIWAN AT \$270 AND AUSTRALIA AT \$310.

HONG KONG PROVIDES A BASE FOR OVER 800 U.S. FIRMS AND IT WELCOMES OVERSEAS INVESTMENT OFFERING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THERE IS FREE FLOW OF CAPITAL AND OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT WITHOUT EXCHANGE CONTROLS.

THE U.S. IS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, ACCOUNTING FOR 54 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT. OVER 120 FACTORIES ARE WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY U.S. INTERESTS, EMPLOYING 40 000 WORKERS, OVER FOUR PER CENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE. SALES OF THESE CONCERNS IN 1983 AMOUNTED TO U.S.\$1.7 BILLION, NEARLY 10 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE YEAR.

+IN THE IMPORTANT AREA OF PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, HONG KONG HAS UNIQUELY STRONG LEGISLATION WHICH IS VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND, IN CIVIL AREAS, BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REMEDIES AVAILABLE UNDER OUR LEGISLATION ARE UNRIVALLED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD,+ MR HO SAID.

STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL TO HONG KONG, MR HO EXPRESSED DISMAY AND ALARM AT THE JENKINS BILL: +WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE IN NO-ONE'S INTEREST, LEAST OF ALL THE U.S.+

THE BILL WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED COSTS TO CONSUMERS WHICH WOULD BE MOST CONCENTRATED IN LOWER INCOME GROUPS, IT WAS IN CONFLICT WITH THE GATT, THE MFA AND WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT WAS DISCRIMINATORY IN THAT LIMITS WOULD NOT APPLY TO CANADA AND THE EEC, IT WOULD EXACERBATE EXISTING FRICTIONS IN DEVELOPED-DEVELOPING COUNTRY RELATIONS, IT WOULD INVITE RAPID AND DAMAGING RETALIATION AGAINST U.S. EXPORTS, AND IT WOULD THREATEN WORLD TRADE GENERALLY.

+IT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT FURTHER THE PROPOSAL, TO WHICH THE U.S. IS COMMITTED, OF LAUNCHING A MAJOR ROUND OF NEW TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO HALT AND REVERSE THE SPREAD OF PROTECTIONISM,+ SAID MR HO WHO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD NOT EARN FOREIGN CURRENCY THEY COULD NOT SPEND IT OR USE IT TO SERVICE THEIR DEBTS.

+IN 1983 FIGURES, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PURCHASED MORE THAN U.S.\$75 BILLION WORTH, ABOUT 38 PER CENT, OF U.S. MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, EXCEEDING U.S. EXPORTS TO WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN COMBINED,+ HE SAID.

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12 BILLS FOR LEGCO MEETING
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TWELVE BILLS, SIX QUESTIONS AND A MOTION TO AMEND THE
STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE AMONG MATTERS
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

THE SEVEN NEW BILLS ARE:

- * PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (JOINT LIAISON GROUP)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 ;
- * CONTRACTS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1985 AND
- * FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

FIVE BILLS ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING:

- * REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL 1985;
- * CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985;
- * ELECTIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985 ;
- * WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 AND
- * LLOYDS BANK (MERGER) BILL 1985.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE
REPATRIATION OF SOME HONG KONG FISHERMEN'S WIVES BACK TO CHINA,
THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PREVENTIVE
MEASURES AGAINST MALARIA.

AND A STATEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON
CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984-85.

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PRESS FACILITY FOR LAND COMMISSION MEETING

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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE LAND COMMISSION WILL BE HELD IN A SCHOOL BLOCK AT THE VICTORIA BARRACKS AT 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION PROCEED WITH THEIR BUSINESS.

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URBCO MINDFUL OF NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE -- CHEONG-LEEN

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IN CARRYING OUT ITS LONG-TERM AND CHALLENGING TASK OF BRINGING A BETTER, HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER LIFE TO THE LOCAL POPULATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL IS PARTICULARLY MINDFUL OF THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE COUNCIL ALWAYS MAINTAINS THAT HONG KONG'S REAL WEALTH IS IN ITS BUDDING YOUNG PEOPLE.

ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL OPEN MEETING TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHEONG-LEEN, SAID THAT APART FROM ORGANISING A WIDE VARIETY OF YOUTH PROGRAMMES, THE COUNCIL ALSO GIVES BACKING TO ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH MIND AND BODY.

HE SAID: +SINCE THE EARLY 1970S, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS STRIVEN TO MEET ITS AMBITIOUS TARGETS OF PROVIDING RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE WITHIN THE REACH OF THE MAN IN THE STREET, YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, AS WELL AS PROMOTING THE GENERAL STANDARDS OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE. AND LET ME ADD THAT MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST YEARS.

+INDEED THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IN PROVIDING HEALTHY OUTLET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENERGIES HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY. THIS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED AND LAW-ABIDING, AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, BEING FUN-LOVING.

+THEY TAKE A HEALTHY INTEREST IN WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND THEM, ARE AWARE OF THE BENEFITS OF MORE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY WORK.+

/MR CHEONG-LEEN

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MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THIS YEAR IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AS THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DESIGNATED IT AS THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, IN WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL IS PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE.

+WITH HONG KONG'S FUTURE ASSURED, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CAN HAVE GREATER CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND CAN SHARE IN THE PROSPERITY THAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THE TERRITORY.

+I TRUST THAT THEY WILL JOIN HANDS IN HELPING TO CREATE NOT ONLY A BETTER FUTURE OF HONG KONG, BUT ALSO A BETTER LIFE-STYLE FOR ALL,+ ADDED MR CHEONG-LEEN.

ON THE BASIC LAW, THE CHAIRMAN URGED ALL URBAN COUNCILLORS TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE 23 HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES, ADDING THAT +THE CONSIDERED VIEWS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS COULD ALSO BE MADE THE SUBJECT OF A MOTION IN THIS COUNCIL AT AN APPROPRIATE DATE.+

HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE DISCLOSED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, THEREBY STRENGTHENING LOCAL CONFIDENCE IN OUR LONG-TERM FUTURE.

MR CHEONG-LEEN ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORE OF THE COUNCIL'S SELECT COMMITTEES AND PANELS WOULD FOLLOW THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD, THE LIBRARIES SELECT COMMITTEE AND THE MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SUB-COMMITTEE IN HOLDING THEIR MEETINGS IN PUBLIC.

ON RELATIONS WITH THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS, THE CHAIRMAN SAID CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL 10 WERE IN PROGRESS ON THE COUNCIL'S 5-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE IMPROVED MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

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87 095 GET FREE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

ALL 87 095 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FORM 1 OR MIDDLE 1 PLACES IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE THREE-YEAR PLACES FOR WHICH NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED,+ HE SAID.

RESULTS OF ALLOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL PARTICIPATING PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON FRIDAY (JULY 12).

WHEN INQUIRING

WHEN INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR ALLOCATION, PUPILS SHOULD FOLLOW THE ARRANGEMENTS SET DOWN BY THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THEY SHOULD ALSO TAKE WITH THEM THEIR PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORMS SO THAT THEIR ALLOCATION SLIPS MAY BE ATTACHED TO THE FORMS.

+ALL PUPILS SHOULD REPORT DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DATES AND TIMES SPECIFIED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS,+ HE ADDED.

WHEN REPORTING TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION, PUPILS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORMS, TO WHICH THEIR INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATION SLIPS HAVE BEEN STAPLED OR GLUED;
- (B) THE ADMISSION SLIPS ;
- (C) BIRTH CERTIFICATES, HONG KONG JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR DATE OF BIRTH AND THEIR STATUS AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG;
- (D) LATEST SCHOOL REPORTS, IF ANY ; AND
- (E) TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

PUPILS WHO FAIL TO REPORT TO THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ALLOCATED DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD WHICH FALLS ON JULY 16 AND 17, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TAKE UP THE PLACES ALLOCATED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PUPILS OR THEIR PARENTS WHO HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTY IN REPORTING TO THEIR ALLOCATED SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD SHOULD CONTACT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION BEFORE JULY 16 SO THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE.

+THE SECOND REGISTRATION DAY (JULY 24) IS MAINLY FOR PUPILS WHO HAVE TO SEEK TRANSFER DUE TO HOME-MOVING OR REASONS OF ACCESSIBILITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+THEY OR THEIR PARENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY OR HIS ASSISTANT, OR THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE NET-AREA TO WHICH THEY WISH TO TRANSFER,+ HE ADDED.

THE PUPILS OR THEIR PARENTS COULD ALTERNATIVELY CONTACT A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE IN THE NET TO WHICH THEY WISH TO TRANSFER, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL SHOULD THEN SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY OF HIS NET ON BEHALF OF THE PUPILS BEFORE ADMITTING THE PUPILS.

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+IN THE CASE OF A TYPHOON AFFECTING HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIODS, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ANY NECESSARY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8912200.

THE NAMES, OFFICE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARIES ARE PROVIDED IN THE ATTACHED LIST.

(A) DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARIES

SCH	NET/AREA	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	TEL NO.	EXT
HK	1	CWS	MR C.S. POON	3/F, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HK	5-8392350
	2	WC	MS B.L. CHAN		5-8392342
	3	E	MRS JOYCE LUI		5-8392334
	4	CWS	MR K.H. LAW		5-8392353
K	1	YMT	MRS M.C. CHAN	3-884111	297
	2	MK	MR T.T. LIU	3-884111	288
	3	KC	MRS C.M. KWAN	3-7140444	
			TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVT OFFICES, 8/F, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, KLN		
	4	SSP	MS H.Y. LEUNG	3-884111	273
	5	SSP	MRS K.L. LI	3-884111	236
			KOWLOON GOVT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 6/F AND 7/F, KLN		
	6	KC	MR C.K. CHOW	3-7140835	
			TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVT OFFICES, 8/F, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, KLN		
	7	WTS	MR P.W. TAM	3-884111	250
	8	WTS	MS L.F. CHOI, ANITA	3-884111	259
			KOWLOON GOVT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 6/F AND 7/F, KLN		

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9	KT	MR C.C. TAI	KOWLOON EAST GOVT	3-498712
10	KT	MR G. SINGH	OFFICES, 9/F, 12	3-498186
11	KT	MRS Y. CHOW	LEI YU MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG, KLN	3-497138
NT 1	KWC	MS Y.H. WONG	KWAI HING GOVT	0-213019
2	KWC	MRS F.P. WONG	OFFICES, 7/F,	0-215617
3	TW	MRS L.K. CHEUNG	166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG NT	0-213279
4	TM	MR C.K. TAM	FAR EAST BANK BLDG, 1/F, (FRONT), 135-143 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NT	0-4989758
5	YL	MS W.Y. YEUNG	YUEN LONG GOVT OFFICES, 4/F, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NT	0-799308
6	TP	MRS M.H. LIU	ROOM 400-401, 4/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN, NT	0-6981817
7	ST	MR T.K. AU	3/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN, NT	0-6981076
8	SK	MR K.L. LAM	SAI KUNG GOVT OFFICES, 1/F, SAI KUNG MARKET, SAI KUNG, NT	3-2813938
9	I	MR S.N. LAU	ROOM 707-9, YU YUET LAI BLDG, 43-45 WYNDHAM STREET, HK	5-231719
10	N	MR W.M. CHOI	ROOM 400-1, 4/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN, NT	0-6981774

(B) SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION

LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 5-8912200
269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 5/F, WAN CHAI,
HK

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FOUR NEW FACES ON TRADE ADVISORY BOARD
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FOUR NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR THE JULY 1985 TO JUNE 1986 YEAR TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FOUR ARE MR ALAN CHUANG, MR GARY HARILELA, MR RAY MAN LEUNG AND MRS ELEANOR LING.

EIGHT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO SERVED ON THE BOARD LAST YEAR HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THEY ARE MR WILLIAM TURNBULL, MR PAUL YIN, MR ALEXANDER AU, MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, MR WARREN HUI, MR S.H. SUNG, MR KENNETH TING AND MR K.Y. YEUNG.

RETIRING FROM THE BOARD ARE MR EDMUND YOUNG, WHO SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1980, MR K. SITAL, MR I.R. TOMLIN, MR K.Y. SHAM, MR STEPHEN LAU AND MR FRANK LIN.

+I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THESE RETIRING MEMBERS FOR THE VALUABLE SERVICE WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN AND FOR THE CONSCIENTIOUS WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTIES ON THE BOARD,+ THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, SAID TODAY.

THE BOARD ADVISES THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON MATTERS AFFECTING HONG KONG'S TRADE -- OTHER THAN IN TEXTILES AND GARMENTS WHERE ADVICE IS GIVEN BY THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

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FIRST CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) CONFIRMED THAT A 73-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA. THE CASE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A LOCAL CASE SINCE THE PATIENT HAS NO HISTORY OF TRAVELLING ABROAD RECENTLY.

IT IS THE FIRST CHOLERA CASE REPORTED IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR. THE LAST CASE WAS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER 1984.

THE PATIENT WAS ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ON JULY 4 SUFFERING FROM DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING. SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AFTER CLINICAL AND LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS CONFIRMED THAT SHE WAS SUFFERING FROM THE EL TOR STRAIN OF CHOLERA. HER CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

/HEALTH OFFICERS

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HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THE PATIENT'S HOME IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AND HAVE GIVEN PROPHYLATIC DRUGS TO HER HOME CONTACTS, INCLUDING HER SON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, AND HER GRAND DAUGHTER.

MEANWHILE, THE PATIENT'S HOME HAS ALSO BEEN DISINFECTED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE NEED TO DECLARE HONG KONG AS A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA, BECAUSE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SPREAD OF INFECTION FROM THIS PRIMARY CASE.

HE SAID THAT ALL NECESSARY PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN AND THE SITUATION WAS BEING CLOSELY MONITORED.

+THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR PUBLIC ALARM AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT THE DISEASE IS TO OBSERVE PERSONAL, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE,+ HE SAID.

THE PUBLIC IS URGED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN THE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS IN THE SUMMER MONTHS AS CHOLERA IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND WATER.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF THAI UNITED FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AND KWONG LEE FINANCE LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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HK SHIPPING REGISTER - SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED BY END JULY

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THE THIRD AND FINAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SHIPS IS NOW UNDER WAY IN GENEVA. IT WILL LAST UNTIL JULY 19.

AS USUAL THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS REPRESENTED BY A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WHO IS ATTACHED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION ATTEND AS OBSERVERS.

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THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE MAY HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE PROPOSED SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS REGISTER OF SHIPPING FOR HONG KONG. ANY DECISIONS BY THE CONFERENCE WILL NEED TO BE REFLECTED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW REGISTER. SUCH ISSUES AS THE LINK BETWEEN SHIP OWNERSHIP AND THE FLAG STATE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH VESSELS MIGHT BE MANNED BY NATIONALS OF THE FLAG STATE WILL BE DEBATED.

A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. THIS PAPER PROPOSED A SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS REGISTER WITH THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL FEATURES:

- (A) ITS STANDARDS AND OBLIGATIONS SHOULD BE SET OUT IN LOCAL LEGISLATION;
- (B) IT SHOULD NOT BE, NOR BE REGARDED AS, A FLAG OF CONVENIENCE;
- (C) IT SHOULD OPERATE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS;
- (D) IT SHOULD HAVE A DISTINCTIVE FLAG;
- (E) FULL COSTS SHOULD BE RECOVERED BY FEES OR DUES;
- (F) IT SHOULD ALLOW SHIPS TO BE REGISTERED AND DEREGISTERED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE MINIMUM OF +RED-TAPE+;
- (G) IT SHOULD BE AS ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE TO SHIPOWNERS WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF (A) - (F).

IT ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHIPPING ADVISORY BOARD.

THE FORM OF THE HONG KONG REGISTER WILL HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON ALL ASPECTS OF SHIPPING AND RELATED INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG AND A WIDE RESPONSE IS EXPECTED. ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES BY JULY 31.

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DISTRICT AFFAIRS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS SEVEN COMMITTEES.

ALL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE CONFERENCE ROOM CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 25 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND 50 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

PEOPLE WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 0-753831 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, AS LATE COMERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN WHEN THE PUBLIC GALLERY IS FULL.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE DATES AND TIME OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 1, 9.30 AM

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: AUGUST 23, 10 AM

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE: JULY 16, 10 AM

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: JULY 19, 10 AM

TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: JULY 24, 3 PM

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: JULY 12, 3 PM

RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE: AUGUST 28, 3 PM

CULTURE COMMITTEE: SEPTEMBER 3, 3 PM.

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HK TEAM LEAVES FOR LOS ANGELES GAMES
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HONG KONG'S FIRST-EVER TEAM, COMPRISING SEVEN ATHLETES AND FOUR OFFICIALS, LEFT FOR LOS ANGELES THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 15TH WORLD GAMES FOR THE DEAF.

THE ATHLETES HAD UNDERGONE THREE MONTHS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING IN A PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY COACHES OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN NUMEROUS TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, INCLUDING TABLE TENNIS COMPETITIONS.

AT A SENDING-OFF CEREMONY AT KAI TAK AIRPORT THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (RECREATION AND SPORT) OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, MR DICKEN YUNG, PRESENTED THE HONG KONG TEAM WITH A FLAG AND WISHED TEAM MEMBERS EVERY SUCCESS IN THE GAMES.

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COUNCIL RECORDS +PAPER SURPLUS+ OF \$32 MILLION
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BECAUSE OF A DELAY IN BILLINGS AND AN INCREASE IN INCOME FROM SECONDARY AND MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES, THE URBAN COUNCIL RECORDED A +PAPER SURPLUS+ OF \$32 MILLION FOR 1984/85, INSTEAD OF THE ANTICIPATED DEFICIT.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF ITS FINANCE SELECT COMMITTEE, WHEN THE COUNCIL'S UNAUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 1984/85 WERE TABLED.

MR FORSGATE SAID: +THIS TURN-AROUND WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNDERSPENDING ON CAPITAL PROJECTS AMOUNTING TO \$126 MILLION, A LARGE PROPORTION OF WHICH WILL REMAIN A COMMITMENT SINCE IT MUST BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

+ANOTHER CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR WAS THAT THE MOST STRINGENT ECONOMIES WERE PUT INTO FORCE DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING THE STRICTEST CONTROLS ON STAFFING LEVELS, THE ADOPTION OF TIGHTER FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY MEASURES.

+ON TOP OF THIS, EVERY PROJECT AND FINANCIAL PROPOSAL WAS PAINSTAKINGLY RE-EXAMINED INTERNALLY AND 'FINE-TUNED' AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

+ON PRESENT INDICATIONS -- AND PRESUMING THAT THE BILLINGS COME IN ON TIME FOR THE LATEST CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS -- THE COUNCIL WILL RECORD A DEFICIT OF ABOUT \$180 MILLION IN THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR, REDUCING ITS RESERVES TO ABOUT \$140 MILLION, OR THE EQUIVALENT OF LESS THAN ONE MONTH'S EXPENDITURE.

+FOR THIS AND OTHER FINANCIAL REASONS, THE COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUP ON AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING ITS DIALOGUE WITH THE FINANCE BRANCH CONCERNING THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL FUTURE.+

MR FORSGATE STRESSED THAT THE COUNCIL'S POSITION WAS THAT THE COUNCIL, WHILE EXERCISING ALL REASONABLE ECONOMIES, DID NOT WISH TO REDUCE THE MANIFOLD SERVICES THAT THE 4.5 MILLION URBAN DWELLERS OF HONG KONG HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO, AND WERE IN THE COUNCIL'S OPINION ENTITLED TO CONTINUE RECEIVING.

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\$5M EXTRA GRANT SOUGHT FOR SCHOOL
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE AN EXTRA GRANT OF \$5.29 MILLION TO ENABLE A RELIGIOUS BODY TO BUILD AND EQUIP A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE PROPOSAL, IF APPROVED, WILL RAISE TO \$20 658 000 GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL COMMITMENT TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA TO BUILD THE SCHOOL.

IN 1981, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED A CAPITAL GRANT OF \$15 363 000 TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

LATEST ESTIMATES SHOW THAT THE BUILDING COST HAS GONE UP, AND THAT \$3.75 MILLION WILL BE NEEDED FOR EXTRA UNDERGROUND SLAB WORKS BECAUSE OF DIFFICULT SITE CONDITIONS.

OTHER INCREASES ARE DUE TO RISING COSTS AND IMPROVED STANDARD PROVISION OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT IS UNABLE TO INCREASE ITS ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$1 707 000 TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

IN VIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S HEAVY COMMITMENT IN TWO OTHER PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECTS IN TAI PO AND TUEN MUN, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE INCREASED COMMITMENT OF \$5 295 000 IN THE FORM OF A CAPITAL GRANT.

OTHER ITEMS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA ARE:

- * SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS TO ENABLE THE UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS, AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE TO AWARD PAY INCREASES TO THEIR STAFF FOLLOWING THE CIVIL SERVICE PAY RISE IN APRIL;
- * SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOOLS;
- * A PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE LIMIT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES FROM \$500 TO \$600 PER QUARTER, AND TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY FOR FUTURE REVISIONS TO THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY; AND
- * A PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE LOSSES UNDER \$500 ARISING FROM THEFT OR SUSPECTED THEFT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY BE TREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF WRITE-OFF AS LOSSES INVOLVING FRAUD OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF A PUBLIC OFFICER.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

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\$4.7 MILLION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR LAN KWAI FONG
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO SPEND \$4,784,000 ON FURTHER BEAUTIFYING AND IMPROVING THE AVANT GARDE LAN KWAI FONG AREA IN CENTRAL.

THE MAIN PROJECTS ARE A SITTING-OUT AREA AND A PUBLIC TOILET. THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL INCORPORATE A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

+THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL COMPLEMENT THE ROAD-WIDENING AND REGRADING SCHEME FOR LAN KWAI FONG AND D'AGUILAR STREET AND ADD TO THE AMENITIES THERE,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL HAVE A CARBON FILTRATION SYSTEM TO REDUCE THE EMISSION OF SMELLS TO A MINIMUM WHILE THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE PLEASANTLY LANDSCAPED WITH ARBOURS AND BENCHES.

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LAYOUT PLAN FOR SITTING-OUT AREA APPROVED
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WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE NORTHERN END OF KOWLOON PARK IS DUE TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME.

THE PROJECT, FOR WHICH THE LAYOUT PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AT ITS OPEN MEETING TODAY, IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$3.7 MILLION.

THE 4 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD AND FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR KOWLOON PARK.

MAJOR FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A WATER FEATURE, PERGOLAS WITH SEATING, A PAVILION, A TODDLERS' PLAY AREA, PLANTERS AND A LANDSCAPED AREA.

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USD'S MANAGEMENT SERVICES,
AUDIT UNIT UNDER REVIEW

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS NOW HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FINANCE BRANCH OVER THE STRENGTHENING AND MANNING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND AUDIT UNIT, AND AN ADDITIONAL SENIOR OFFICER IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE TEAM IN SEPTEMBER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE, DR KIM CHAM, TOLD THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MONTHLY MEETING TODAY.

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY URBAN COUNCILLOR MRS MARGARET LI WHO HAD ASKED IF THERE WERE PLANS TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH AND FORCE OF THE UNIT GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR WAYS AND MEASURES TO CUT COST WITHOUT CUTTING SERVICES.

ON THE WORK OF THE UNIT, DR CHAM REVEALED THAT A PRIORITY LIST OF THE COUNCIL'S SERVICES HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR STUDY. THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO REGULAR REVIEW, IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS, AND TO REFLECT CHANGES IN EMPHASIS.

WHEN A NEW HEAD IS APPOINTED FOR THE UNIT IN SEPTEMBER, DR CHAM ADDED, THE OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE TAKEN TO REVIEW PROGRESS SO FAR AND TO SEE IF ADDITIONAL STUDIES COULD BE PUT IN HAND WITH THE STRENGTHENED TEAM.

TURNING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTING OUTSIDE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT THESE STUDIES, DR CHAM SAID: +THIS COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES AND IT WOULD CALL FOR CAREFUL MANAGEMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

+IT WOULD ALSO ADD TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TASK OF DIRECTING THE WORK OF SEPARATELY ORGANISED STUDIES.

+BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT'S IN-HOUSE TEAM IS GOING TO BE STRENGTHENED SHORTLY THIS MAY NOT BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO CONSIDER BRINGING IN OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS FOR THIS WORK AT THIS MOMENT, BUT THIS NEED WILL BE REVIEWED AGAIN TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

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PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN SPACE DEFERRED

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CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO BUILD A FACILITY FOR BMX BICYCLES WHEN DETAILED PLANS FOR THE PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE OPEN SPACE AT THE JUNCTION OF MAN CHEONG STREET AND FERRY STREET ARE DRAWN UP.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR HOWARD YOUNG, WHEN REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY MR KWAN LIM-HO AT THE URBAN COUNCIL OPEN MEETING TODAY.

MR YOUNG SAID THE 4 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE WAS ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL IN 1975 ON A TEMPORARY BASIS WITH THE CONDITION THAT IT HAD TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT AT FOUR MONTHS' NOTICE FOR USE AS A WORKS AREA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

+PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE HAS TO BE DEFERRED AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AT THE SITE HAVE SO FAR BEEN KEPT TO A MODEST LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE SITE IS BEING MAINTAINED AS A GARDEN WITH PARK BENCHES AND AMENITY PLANTING.

BECAUSE IT IS SEPARATED FROM THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AREA BY FERRY STREET WHICH IS A MAJOR THOROUGHFARE, MR YOUNG ADDED, THE FACILITY IS NOT VERY POPULAR EXCEPT ON OCCASIONS WHEN THE ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACES ARE HELD.

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LICENSING OFFICE ON THE MOVE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ITS KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE IN HIU KWONG STREET WILL CEASE OPERATION AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS AT 4.10 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND WILL OPERATE FROM NEW PREMISES AT FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD FROM 2 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 15).

+THE NEW OFFICES ARE MORE CENTRALLY LOCATED THAN THE OLD ONE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. +IT IS JUST A FIVE-MINUTE WALK FROM THE KWUN TONG MTR STATION, AND THERE IS A BUS TERMINUS NEARBY.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM JULY 15, WORKING HOURS AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REVISED AS 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS TO STREAMLINE DAILY OPERATIONS.

THE KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE'S ENQUIRY TELEPHONE WILL REMAIN 3-7754950. THE P.O. BOX FOR POSTAL APPLICATIONS FOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSING DOCUMENTS -- BOX 69511, KWUN TONG POST OFFICE -- ALSO REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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LAND ALIENATED FOR ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR FERRY BERTH
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO ALIENATE SOME 300 SQUARE METRES OF LAND AT THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER LANDING AMENITY PLOT TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR FERRY BERTH THERE.

THE PROPOSED BERTH IS INTENDED FOR USE BY DANGEROUS GOODS TRAFFIC SO AS TO RELEASE THE EXISTING FACILITIES FOR SOLE USE BY THE CENTRAL/JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE.

AT THE URBAN COUNCIL OPEN MEETING TODAY, MEMBERS EXAMINED THE PROPOSAL AND WERE SATISFIED THAT THE ALIENATION WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC AND WOULD NOT SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE AREA OF THE AMENITY PLOT.

THE EXISTING JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER LANDING AMENITY PLOT MEASURES ABOUT 1 050 SQUARE METRES. IT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN MARCH LAST YEAR FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT THE LAND HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY STREET SLEEPERS.

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COURTESY VISIT TO SAI KUNG
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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TO HELP DEVELOP SAI KUNG INTO A FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE.

THE REQUEST WAS MADE WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE BOARD THIS MORNING.

THE COUNCIL AND BOARD MEMBERS ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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PROHIBITED ZONE IN SAI KUNG
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ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS OFF PO TUNG ROAD IN SAI KUNG TOWN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 12).

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GRADUATION CEREMONY

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, WILL ADDRESS THE CHILD CARE COURSE GRADUATING CEREMONY OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON THURSDAY (JULY 11) AT 3 PM.

A TOTAL OF 30 STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE THIS YEAR ON COMPLETION OF A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE AND WILL BE ACCEPTED AS HAVING MET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT IN A CHILD-CARE CENTRE.

THE COURSE IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 3 000 APPLICANTS COMPETED FOR ADMISSION TO THE 40 FIRST-YEAR PLACES.

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CALL FOR CARE IN COUNTRYSIDE

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PEOPLE WERE URGED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO ADOPT A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE IN HELPING CONSERVE THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR S.P. LAU, WHEN LAUNCHING AN OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECT AT SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

THE PROJECT, ENTITLED '+I LOVE THE COUNTRYSIDE+', WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND A LOCAL TV STATION, TO ENABLE SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION WORK.

MR LAU SAID THAT THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS HAD BROUGHT WITH IT A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, THE MOST SERIOUS OF WHICH WERE HILL FIRES AND LITTERING.

HILL FIRES CAUSE IMMEASURABLE DAMAGE TO WILDLIFE, WHILE LITTERING ADVERSELY AFFECTS ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, BOTH ALSO DEFACING THE LANDSCAPE.

CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES HAD TO BE DEPLOYED TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEMS AND BRING ABOUT REMEDIES, MR LAU SAID.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS COULD BE GREATLY REDUCED IF EVERY VISITOR TO THE COUNTRYSIDE SHOWED A LITTLE MORE CARE BY ADOPTING A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE, HE SAID.

TODAY'S ACTIVITY WAS ATTENDED BY 500 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, WHO HAD BEEN HELPING WITH SUCH CONSERVATION WORK AS LITTER PICKING, WEEDING, FERTILISING AND PRUNING OF TREES.

THE STUDENTS WERE LATER AWARDED A CERTIFICATE FOR THEIR EFFORT.

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SHA TAU KOK ROAD BEING IMPROVED
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IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO SHA TAU KOK ROAD STARTED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOLLOWING THE RECENT AWARD OF THE \$9.6 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN KILOMETRES OF 1.6-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD, AND THE WIDENING OF TWO BRIDGES AT LUNG YEUK TAU AND MA MEI HA TO ACCOMMODATE THE FOOTPATHS.

THESE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED IN 14 MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, WORK WILL ALSO START ON THE 30 BUS BAYS ON THE ROAD, 15 WITH LOADING AND UNLOADING FACILITIES.

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LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 12) FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS.

THESE INCLUDE:

- * THE FAST AND MIDDLE LANE OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN THE LION ROCK PARK ACCESS ROAD AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.
- * THE WESTBOUND FAST LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC. THE CENTRAL ROAD DIVIDER WILL BE REMOVED TO MAINTAIN TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. FOR SAFETY REASONS, HEAVY VEHICLES HEADING EASTWARDS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE INNER LANE OF THE CARRIAGEWAY.
- * SPEED LIMIT OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD, AS WELL AS THE SLIP ROAD FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE 50 KILOMETRES AN HOUR.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF BUTE STREET BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND TUNG CHOI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

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